GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRANSIT FACILITY BY BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangladesh has denied any transit or transshipment facility to India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) to (c) India has a limited transit facility through Bangladesh under the provisions of the India-Bangladesh Inland Water Transit and Trade Protocol which has been in operation since 1972. Government have made repeated proposals to the Government of Bangladesh for overland transit facilities for passenger and freight traffic. Bangladesh has not agreed to these proposals. Government continue to pursue the matter.